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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: RALPH HEIDLER

Application No./Patent No.: 09/626,804 Filed/Issue Date: JULY 27, 2000

Entitled: FLEXIBLE MIXING MAT INCLUDING FANNING CORNERS WITH HANDLES AND METHOD OF USE

WALTER RIDDLE AND RALPH HEIDLER, a PARTNERSHIP  
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Walter Riddle  
Signature

MAY 7, 2005  
Date

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### ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS cash in hand paid to me by the partnership of Walter RIDDLE and Ralph HEIDLER (a Florida partnership), and other good and valuable consideration receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Ralph HEIDLER, of Plant City, Florida; having made an invention in "Flexible Mixing Mat Including Fanning Corners With Handles And Method Of Use," do hereby assign, sell, grant, and convey to said partnership of Walter RIDDLE and Ralph HEIDLER, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in and to:

1. Said invention in "Flexible Mixing Mat Including Fanning Corners With Handles And Method Of Use" (U.1);
2. My United States of America utility patent application on said invention, executed on July 12, 1999, and bearing U.S. Serial No. 09/365,630, filed August 2, 1999, and entitled "Flexible Mixing Mat Including Fanning Corners With Handles And Method Of Use";
3. All applications for patent or like protection on said invention that have now been or may in the future be made by me or my legal representatives, whether in the United States of America or any other country or place anywhere in the world;
4. All patents and like protection that have now been or may in the future be granted on said invention to me or my legal

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representatives, whether in the United States of America or in any other country or place anywhere in the world;

5. All substitutions for and divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, renewals, reissues, reexaminations, extensions, and the like of said applications and patents and like grants, including without limitation, those obtained or permissible under past, present and future law and statutes;
6. All rights of action on account of past, present and future unauthorized use of said invention and for infringement of said patents and like protection; and,
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and I covenant that I, my heirs, legal representatives, assigns, administrators, and executors will, at the expense of the partnership of Walter RIDDLE and Ralph HEIDLER, its successors and assigns, execute all papers and perform such other acts as may be reasonably necessary to give the partnership of Walter RIDDLE and

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Ralph HEIDLER, its successors and assigns, the full benefit of this  
Assignment.

EXECUTED at Plant City FL

on the date indicated below opposite my signature.

Oct 19, 1999.

Ralph Heidler  
Ralph HEIDLER

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Hillsborough

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said  
State and County above, on this day personally appeared Ralph  
HEIDLER, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to  
the foregoing instrument, and that he acknowledged to me that he  
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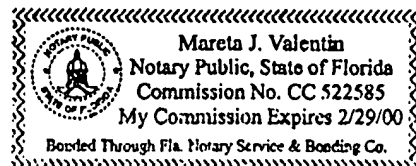
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Re: "Flexible Mixing Mat And  
Method Of Use" (U.1-CIP)  
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→ and Ralph HEIDLER  
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Gentlemen:

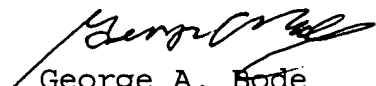
I am happy to inform you that on July 27, 2000, the continuation-in-part patent application (copy enclosed) for the above-referenced invention was filed in the U.S. Patent Office and assigned Serial No. 09/626,804. The application, however, takes the filing date - August 2, 1999 - of the parent application Serial No. 09/365,630 with respect to common subject matter. The new serial number will follow the application throughout its entire life in the U.S. Patent Office. You are now free to continue marking any device made in accordance with the application with the notice

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or the like; however, I would recommend that you do NOT use the serial number as part of the notice as it will only serve to alert your competition to the approximate filing date of this application which remains **CONFIDENTIAL** in the U.S. Patent Office.

Should you have any further questions or requirements in this regard, feel free to contact me at any time. I remain,

Very truly yours,  
BODE & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

  
George A. Bode

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